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SUBJECT: NEWSOM BILATERALS IN PARIS--CHAD BRIEFING PAPER

### 1. ISSUE - CHAD SITUATION

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: COLLAPSE OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION  
TALKS IN TRIPOLI EARLIER THIS MONTH SET BACK CHANCES FOR  
EARLY END TO FIGHTING IN CHAD. FRENCH AND LIBYANS HAD  
WORKED OUT PROPOSAL TO DEFUSE CHAD SITUATION DURING VISIT

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OF LIBYAN EX-PRIME MINISTER JALLOUD TO PARIS IN EARLY  
JUNE. AGREEMENT CALLED FOR THREE STAGE DISENGAGEMENT:  
(1) FROLINAT WITHDRAWAL TO POSITIONS HELD AT TIME OF FIRST  
CEASEFIRE ACCORD; (2) PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH  
TOOPS, AND (3) CONVOCAION OF NEW RECONCILIATION TALKS.  
MALLOUM GOVERNMENT IN NDJAMENA DOES NOT AGREE TO WITH-  
DRAWAL OF FRENCH FORCES IN ADVANCE OF NATIONAL RECONCILIA-

TION TALKS. IN FEBRUARY MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH DE  
GUIRINGAUD, THE SECRETARY AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH FRENCH  
WHERE POSSIBLE ON NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO CHAD CONFLICT.  
WE WISH TO KNOW WHAT FURTHER ROLE FRENCH BELIEVE US  
COULD TAKE.

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TALKING POINTS:

-- HOW DO FRENCH VIEW POSSIBILITY FOR A NEGOTIATED  
SOLUTION IN THE CHAD DISPUTE?

-- WHAT ROLE DO FRENCH BELIEVE US COULD PLAY IN NEW  
NEGOTIATED EFFORTS IN CHAD?

2. UN AND OAU MEDIATION. CHAD PRESENTED ITS CASE  
AGAINST LIBYA BEFORE UNSC LAST FEBRUARY, BUT WITHDREW  
ITS COMPLAINT AS CONDITION FOR OPENING OF FIRST NATIONAL  
RECONCILIATION TALKS. THERE WAS ALSO QUESTION AS TO  
WHETHER IT COULD MUSTER NECESSARY AFRICAN SUPPORT TO TAKE  
MATTER OUT OF OAU CONTEXT. FRENCH INFORMED US IN MAY  
THAT THEY DID NOT BELIEVE CHAD PROBLEM COULD BE DEALT  
WITH CONSTRUCTIVELY BY UNSC. AT SAME TIME THEY EXPRESSED  
HOPE LAST MAY THAT OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM WOULD DISCUSS  
APRIL CEASEFIRE VIOLATION BY FROLINAT. CHAD-LIBYA  
CONFRONTATION IS AN ITEM ON OAU AGENDA FOR KHARTOUM  
MEETING.

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TALKING POINTS:

-- DO FRENCH SEE ANY FURTHER ROLE FOR UN SECURITY COUNCIL  
IN THE DISPUTE? IF SO, WHAT CAN CHAD DO TO MUSTER  
AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR ITS CASE? HOW COULD THE US BE OF  
ASSISTANCE?

-- WHAT ARE FRENCH VIEWS ON TREATMENT CHAD-LIBYA PROBLEM  
AT THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT.

3. US MILITARY ASSISTANCE: WE INFORMED THE CHADIAN  
GOVERNMENT IN APRIL THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION  
MAKING CHAD ELIGIBLE FOR FMS WAS THE MOST WE COULD DO AND  
THAT DIRECT US MILITARY ASSISTANCE (GRANTS OR LOANS) WAS  
NOT POSSIBLE. IN KEEPING WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S  
PLEDGE TO ASSIST CHAD RESTORE ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY,  
THE US SOUGHT TO ENCOURAGE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS OF  
APPROPRIATE US-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT TO CHAD, BUT WITHOUT  
RESULTS. WE CONTINUE TO BE WILLING TO APPROVE APPROPRIATE  
TRANSFERS OF US-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT FROM THIRD  
COUNTRIES, TO DIRECT COMMERCIAL SALES OF APPROPRIATE

- US-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT TO CHAD, AND TO SUPPORT CHADIAN APPROACHES TO POSSIBLE SOURCES, BUT CHAD MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN PRESENTING ITS OWN CASE. JOURNIAC TOLD AMBASSADOR BRADFORD IN JUNE THAT SAUDI ARABIA MIGHT NOW BE PREPARED TO FINANCE US EQUIPMENT FOR CHAD.

TALKING POINTS:

-- ANY GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD REQUIRE SPECIFIC

CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION, WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD MEET WITH CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION.

-- WE CONTINUE TO BE WILLING TO APPROVE APPROPRIATE  
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TRANSFERS OF US-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT FROM THIRD-COUNTRIES TO CHAD. IS THERE ANY NEW INDICATION THAT THE SAUDIS OR OTHERS MIGHT NOW BE INTERESTED IN CHAD'S PLIGHT? CHRISTOPHER

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